



SCOTTISH SPORTS AND PASTIMES: YACHT RACING. THE START FROM ROTHESAY BAY.—Photo. Valentine.

The "Curse of Scotland."

The nine of diamonds is called the curse of Scotland from the following circumstances, writes a correspondent; At the battle of Culloden, which extinguished the last hope of the Stuarts, many of the flower of the Scottish Highland nobility were taken prisoners. On the night of the battle an officer approached the Duke of Cumberland (the "Bloody Butcher"), who was in command of the victorious English forces, to ask what was to be done with the prisoners. The Duke of Cumberland, who, with his staff, had been playing cards in his tent, picked up a card from a pack that had been thrown away, and upon it he wrote the warrant for the execution of the prisoners. The card was the nine of diamonds.



Doing It Thoroughly.

Down in Georgia a negro, who had his life insured, died and left the money to his widow. She immediately bought herself a very elaborate mourning outfit.

Showing her purchases to a friend, she was very particular in going into detail as to prices and all incidental particulars. Her friend was very much impressed, and remarked:

"Them sho is fine cloes, but, befo' Heaven, what is you goin' to do wid all dis black underwear?"

The bereaved one sighed:

"Chile, when I mourns I mourns"



"Sorry, Brown," said the doctor, after the examination. "You're in a very serious condition. I'm afraid I'll have to operate on you."

"Operate!" gasped Brown. "Why, I haven't the money for an operation. I'm only a poor workingman."

"You're insured, are you not?"

"Yes, but I don't get that until after I'm dead."

"Oh, that'll be all right," said the doctor, consolingly.

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